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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Governmental Affairs Staff Visit
to Headquarters

1. On 27 April 1989 Pat Butler, and Ellice Halpern Barnes on the minority staff of the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Service, Post Office and Civil Service visited Headquarters for an introductory briefing. [redacted]

2. Included in the visit, which was hosted by [redacted] Office of Congressional Affairs, was an overview of the Agency by [redacted] Office of Public Affairs, a tour and briefing on the Operations Center by [redacted] CPAS, and the Computer Center in the New Headquarters Building by [redacted] OIT. [redacted] Office of Personnel briefed the staffers on the Agency benefits program and the flexible benefits package envisioned for the future. [redacted]

3. The staffers also met with Rae Huffstutler, Deputy Director for Administration, and his deputy Roy Elmendorf. Huffstutler pointed out that we plan to submit a flexible benefits package to OMB/OPM and Congress for approval shortly. He outlined some of the components of the package and said that it is essential that the benefits be taken from pre-tax dollars. Ms. Butler was very interested in our package because Senator Stevens (R., AK) is looking for some agency to undertake a demonstration project for a flexible benefits package. She asked if the Agency would be willing to act in that capacity. Huffstutler indicated a willingness to consider that idea if our need for protecting names, numbers and other security requirements could be met. They agreed that the Office of Congressional Affairs should stay in touch with the staff on this matter. At lunch in the EDR, the staffers learned about counseling services available to our employees, the Public Service Aid Society and the Educational Aid Fund. They departed with a much better understanding of the Agency's personnel program and its concern for its people. [redacted]

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